

REMARKS

The application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action dated January 10, 2006. Claims 1 and 2 were pending. By this Amendment, new dependent claims 3 and 4 have been added, and claims 1 and 2 have been amended to clarify the claimed invention. Accordingly, claims 1-4 are now pending, with claim 1 being the sole claim in independent form.

The declaration was objected to.

A supplemental Declaration is attached as **Exhibit A** hereto.

Withdrawal of the objection to the declaration is respectfully requested.

Claim 1 was objected to as having informalities. Claims 1 and 2 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as allegedly indefinite. The Office Action indicates that claims 1 and 2 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the formal objections.

By this Amendment, claims 1 and 2 have been carefully reviewed and amended to clarify the claimed invention.

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's statement in the Office Action of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter and submits that the claims recite subject matter which further supports patentability for reasons in addition to those identified in the Examiner's statement in the Office Action.

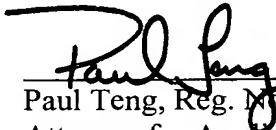
In view of the amendments to the claims and remarks hereinabove, Applicant submits that the application is now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant earnestly solicits the allowance of the application.

If a petition for an extension of time is required to make this response timely, this paper should be considered to be such a petition. The Patent Office is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be required in connection with this amendment and to credit any overpayment to

our Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

If a telephone interview could advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,



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